



The Evening

Hatch

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The Muskegon River - Four Seasons of Fishing

“Speak softly and swing a big fly” is the motto on Kevin Feenstra’s card. Kevin took to the speaker podium and wowed the crowd with his knowledge of the Muskegon River, accentuating his program with breathtaking pictures and stellar underwater video. Who knew “chub” could be so much fun?

Captain Feenstra walked the MFFC through four seasons of fishing on the Muskegon River.



Mike Doyle, Capt. Kevin Feenstra, and Dan Finstad - A job well done.

Fishing over 80 miles of river, Captain Feenstra sees it all. Cranes, osprey, squirrels - and, oh yes, fish. One of his favorite muskie patterns, the “have a nice day” was a club favorite. For large and smallmouth bass, Captain Feenstra prefers crawfish patterns stripped slowly beneath a bobber, or twitched along the stream bottom.

Captin Feenstra provided a number of fishing “rules” which guide his daily fishing. Although there are far too many to print, some of his advice includes the following. During the summer, the best fishing is morning and evenings - to avoid the inevitable “tubers” and canoers. At the beginning of summer, big flies work well, in the middle of the summer smaller flies do, and at the the of the summer going into autumn, larger flies come back into play. Fish ahead of the storm, as fishing will be “hit and miss” afterwards. At the end of summer, beginning of autum, lake run brown trout are in and “eating big things.” Steelhead come in behind the salmon spawn - “look for the square tail - they are big and stupid, and like to bite things.” “When it is cold outside, flash works best.” And my personal favorite - the old saying about fishing still rings true, “Big flies - big fish.” Captain Kevin Feenstra can be reached at (231) 652-3528 or at info@feenstraguideservice.com. Look for a special appearance by Captain Feenstra at this years Expo.

UPCOMING EVENTS



October 3, 2012
Speaker: Jaremy Geist
Topic: Clinton River Watershed
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 10, 2012
Board meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Room 106, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 27, 2012
Activity meeting- GARAGE SALE
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

November 7, 2012
Speaker: Erin McDonough
MUCC Executive Director
Topic: MUCC
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.





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A Word From Our President

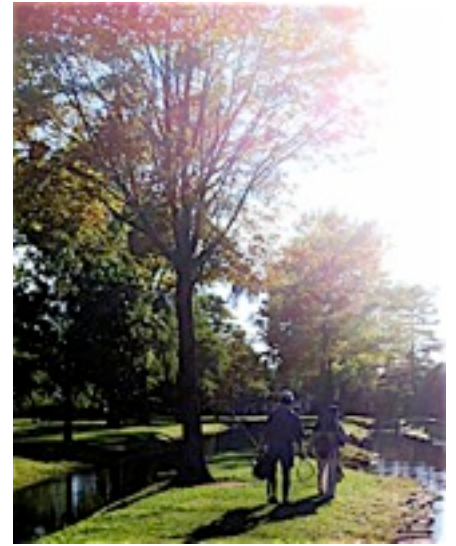
I would like to thank the Club for its support and recognition by voting me in as President of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. At the past board meeting, I announced my agenda and goals for the coming two years. At the top of the list is the creation of a MFFC Casting Instructor Certification.

As most of us know, the FFF has its own certification for casting instructors. I think our Club has the talent and recognition that we should be able to certify our own casting instructors, and our certification should mean something to the fly fishing community. The MFFC Casting Certification is not meant to compete with the FFF certification, or take its place, it is simply a recognition that our Club has its own talent, and we should recognize our own talent. I have selected Peter Albertson and John Long to lead our organization in this process. My goal is that by the end of two years we will arrive at a set of requirements and guidelines necessary to complete become a MFFC Certified Casting Instructor, and we will start certifying our own instructors.

As many of you know, I had the sad duty of announcing the resignation of Vice-President Michael Duchin. If you have an opportunity, please thank Michael for all he has done for our club. Among Michael's many contributions were running the raffle, cooking at the picnic, working with Military Veterans, and sitting on the Board. Michael, we thank you and look forward to seeing you on the stream.

As with all things, time brings about change. This year, we have many positions to fill. Members have already stepped forward to fill some vacancies. (Among others, Sybil Hunter, Hatch; Terry Drinkwhine, TU Rep; Bill Shannon, Raffle Chair; and Dan Finstad, V.P.) However, we still have some big shoes to fill, and I am looking for Club members to come forward and chair the Banquet, Public School, and Youth School. If you would be interested in taking on one of these responsibilities, please see me or one of the other Board members. Let's make this a great year.

Chris Hunter



Words to live by: *"You will never regret taking a day off work to fish with your father."*
(David and Chris Hunter)

Multilakes Club Announces Fly Tying Club

Multilakes announced it will have open fly tying sessions the first and third Thursday of each month October, 2012 through March 2013 from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. The fee is \$5 per session, and tyers should bring their own materials and tools. A limited number of vises will be available. See Jim Weakland for additional information.





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Photos Courtesy of Peter Albertson



Tying Corner - Cathy Beck's Super Bugger

Sizes: 6 & 8

Colors: Tan, Black, Olive

Hook: Tiemco 3761

Thread: Tan, Black, Olive

Tail: Tan, Black or Olive Blood Feather overlay 6 strands Krystal Flash in corresponding color.

Rib: Hareline dyed grizzly hen body feathers or Tan, black or olive.

Legs: Two rubber sili-legs. Root beer, black or olive.

Eyes: Lead eyes painted yellow and black. XS on size 8, small on size 6.

Head: Spiked dubbing figure-eighted around the eyes. Or, dubbing brushes if available.

Credit to Barry and Cathy Beck - barryandcathybeck.com

Video instructions for tying the pattern can be found at:

<http://barryandcathybeck.com/blog/2011/01/26/tying-the-super-bugger/>



The Hatch Is Transitioning

-Sybil Hunter

CLARENCEVILLE, MI- Hush-hush allegations imply the current MFFC president is sleeping with the Hatch

editor. According to recently leaked information procured through MFFC's secret task force, allegations have been confirmed.

Going forward, any and all articles, digital photos, activity dates, or other information related to MFFC activities

that would look good published in the Hatch, should be emailed to Sybil Hunter at editor@mffc.org

The goal of this issue, was to highlight our stunning speaker, introduce our new president and publish the yearly financials.